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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF MRS. VANCE

- 1. FOLLOWING IS FOR ADDRESSEES' COMMENT AND INTERNAL PLANNING BUT IS NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE SHARED WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS AT THIS POINT.
- 2. MRS. VANCE WILL ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY ON HIS PLANNED STOPS IN ISRAEL AND EGYPT AUGUST 5-9 DURING SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST. SHE WISHES TO VISIT SFM, BUT DOES NOT INTEND TO REMAIN THERE WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS. SHE HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN AN ITINERARY DURING THIS PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: CONFIDENTIAL

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- --A VISIT TO ST. CATHERINE'S MONASTERY
- --SEE THE CHAGALL WINDOWS AT HADDASSA HOSPITAL
- --A VISIT TO AN ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE, PREFERABLY ONE WHERE A DIG IS IN PROGRESS, IDEALLY ONE WITH AN AMERICAN CONNECTION. (A VISIT TO CAESAREA COULD BE AN ALTERNATIVE, HOWEVER.)

--SEE HANDICRAFTS MARKETED BY RUTH DAYAN'S MASKIT COMPANY BEING MADE (NOT/NOT THE SHOPS WHERE THEY ARE SOLD).

MRS. VANCE WOULD LIKE TO BE BASED IN JERUSALEM, HAVE HER SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES IN THE MORNING, AND LEAVE THE

AFTERNOONS FREE.

3. TEL AVIV SHOULD PROVIDE SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR BOTH THE FIRST STOP IN JERUSALEM AND FOR PERIOD COVERED BY FOLLOWING SCHEDULE SKETCH (WHICH WE SUBMIT FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY). EMBASSY SHOULD SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND ALTERNATE SCHEDULING ARRANGEMENTS WHEREVER APPROPRIATE. ONLY RESTRICTION IS THAT MRS. VANCE WOULD PREFER NOT TO DO OR VIEW THINGS SHE HAS ALREADY DONE ON PREVIOUS TRIPS.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

- --ACCOMPANY SECRETARY FROM CAIRO TO SFM
- --LUNCH AT SFM
- --AFTERNOON: PROCEED TO ST. CATHERINE'S MONASTERY FOR TOUR AND OVERNIGHT

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

--MORNING: TOUR AND PROCEED TO JERUSALEM (KING DAVID HOTEL)

--AFTERNOON: FREE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

--MORNING: VISIT ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE(S) AND/OR SEE PRODUCTION OF HANDICRAFTS

--LUNCH: OPEN

--AFTERNOON: FREE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

--MORNING: SEE CHAGALL WINDOWS AND/OR PRODUCTION OF HANDICRAFTS

--NOON: JOIN SECRETARY'S PARTY

--AFTERNOON: FREE

WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS SCHEDULE LIKE THIS WOULD POSE, ESPECIALLY HOW TO GET FROM SFM TO ST. CATHERINE'S, AND FROM ST.

CATHERINE'S BACK TO JERUSALEM. MRS. VANCE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THESE LEGS BY ONE SECURITY AGENT, AND POSSIBLY ONE OTHER PERSON.

4. FOR CAIRO: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SUGGEST TO DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES MRS. VANCE COULD UNDERTAKE FOR MORNING AUGUST 8, INCLUDING LUNCH, WHICH WOULD GIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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HER SOME VISIBILITY. COMBINATION OF SUMMER HEAT AND RAMADAN HOURS WILL PROBABLY LIMIT HER ACTIVITIES IN EGYPT TO THAT PERIOD. WE ASSUME EGYPTIANS WILL HAVE NO OBJECTION TO MRS. VANCE'S PROPOSED VISIT TO SFM AND ST. CATHERINE'S.

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